

ALIANZA POR LA SOLIDARIDAD STATEMENT

First informal thematic session on “Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion, and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance”

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First of all, thank you very much to the co-facilitators of the process for this opportunity to speak.

My name is Jara Henar, and I am here on behalf of Alianza por la Solidaridad, a Spanish NGO,

Considering the question proposed by the co-facilitators about our reactions to yesterday contributions, we would like to highlight the following points:

We are conscious that it is early to know the content of the Global Compact and that we have until December to discuss and learn between all the stakeholders involved, but in terms of migrants’ human rights, we think that it is very relevant that the Global Compact:

- Addresses violence produced in destination and democratic countries, mainly the situations of gender based violence, institutional violence and racism toward migrants, in particular women,
- Considers the danger of national legislation who transform people into irregular. The so-called crisis in Spain provoked that many migrants lost their jobs and position in Spanish society and became irregular,
- Proposes concrete proposals on more safe and legal way to reach destination countries, not only for highly qualified migrants,
- In “secure migration”, the GC prioritizes and highlights migrants’ security, not security of countries or borders,
- Doesn’t look at migrants as a solution for a lack of workforce or for demographic purposes in destination countries, but as people who has the **right to move**. In that direction, the GC is a key opportunity to provide content to the right to migrate, following the proposal of yesterday os several ambassadors, such as Colombia or Ecuador